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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

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TAGS: ENRG, OECD

SUBJECT: PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE: OBSERVERS AT
MINISTERIAL

REF: OECD PARIS 21886

1. IEA DEPUTY DIRECTOR HOPKINS HAS INFORMED MISSION
THAT SECGEN VAN LENNEP HAS HAD FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSS-
IONS WITH FRENCH OVER HIS DESIRE TO ATTEND MINISTERIAL
MEETING OF 27 AS OBSERVER. VAN LENNEP IS CONVINCED
THAT FRENCH AGREED TO OECD'S EXCLUSION FROM MEETING AT
ALGERIAN INSISTENCE. VAN LENNEP SAYS THAT FRENCH HAVE
INDICATED THAT THEY WANT HIM TO ATTEND MINISTERIAL AS
OBSERVER AND BELIEVE THEY CAN CONVINCE ALGERIANS AND
OTHERS OF DESIRABILITY OF ISSUING AN INVITATION TO
HIM ON PERSONAL BASIS PROVIDED LANTZKE DOES NOT
ACCOMPANY HIM AND IEA
IS NOT PRESENT IN ANY FORM. UNDER THIS FORMULA VAN
LENNEP AND UN SECGEN WOULD BE ONLY OBSERVERS.

2. STATING THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH DAVIGNON
AND LANTZKE, HOPKINS INDICATED THAT IEA SECRETARIAT
WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THIS FORMULA FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING
PROVIDED IT WERE CLEAR THAT IEA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN
ENERGY COMMISSION IN ITS OWN NAME. IEA SECRETARIAT

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DOES NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE AND BELIEVES DECISION SHOULD BE UP TO IEA AND OECD MEMBER-COUNTRIES. HOPKINS TOLD US PERSONALLY THAT SOME DELEGATIONS (GERMANS, BRITISH, DANES) HAD REACTED WITH "RAISED EYEBROWS" WHEN TOLD OF SECGEN'S POSITION, ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITIVE REACTIONS HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, DEPUTY SECGEN WOOTTON EMPHASIZED TO US STRENGTH OF VAN LENNEP'S VIEWS ON SUBJECT. MISSION OFFICER SAID DEFINITIVE USG VIEWS ON SUBJECT COULD BE GIVEN SECGEN DIRECTLY IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. ON PURELY PERSONAL AND INFORMAL BASIS MISSION OFFICER MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS (ALSO GIVEN TO HOPKINS):

(A) OECD IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD TO BE IMPORTANT FORUM IN DIALOGUE, AND WE INTEND IT TO BE PRESENT AT PREPCOM II AND IN COMMISSIONS. THUS, THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT ORGANIZATION'S SUBSTANTIVE IMPORTANCE.

(B) PRESENCE AT MINISTERIAL INVOLVES LARGE SYMBOLIC CONSIDERATIONS FROM OECD'S VIEWPOINT, BUT ISSUE COULD INVOLVE PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES ABOUT OBSERVERS WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE ALREADY DELICATE TASK OF ARRANGING DIALOGUE.

(C) DID VAN LENNEP, AS RECOGNIZED WORLD STATESMAN, REALLY WISH TO PRESS INSTITUTIONAL CLAIMS WHICH MIGHT ENCUMBER MAJOR HISTORICAL PROCESS?

4. WOOTTON SAID VAN LENNEP WOULD NOT WISH TO ENCUMBER PROCESS, BUT SECGEN UNDERSTOOD FROM FRENCH THAT NEITHER THEY NOR ALGERIANS WOULD OBJECT TO VAN LENNEP'S PRESENCE ON PERSONAL BASIS. THUS, HE DID NOT THINK THIS KIND OF PROBLEM EXISTED.

5. WE CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY REPEATING THE ISSUE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE MORE DEFINITIVELY DISCUSSED DURING VAN LENNEP'S WASHINGTON VISIT NEXT WEEK.

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